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SUBJ: YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR'S COMMENTS ON SADAT'S VISIT

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1. YUGOSLAV AMBASSADOR PAPIC, WHO WAS PRESENT FOR SADAT'S VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA, AFFIRMS THE VISIT WENT WELL. TALKS ENCOMPASSED CURRENT MIDDLE EAST SITUATION, EGYPTIAN -SOVIET RELATIONS, EGYPTIAN -US RELATION AND SADAT'S PLANS TO RESTRUCTURE THE EGYPTIAN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL SYSTEM. LEBANON WAS ALSO DISCUSSED AND SADAT VOICED HIS STRONG OPPOSITION TO SYRIA ROLE THERE.

2. ACCORDING TO PAPIC, MILITARY MATTERS WERE NOT DISCUSSED. THEY HAD IN FACT BEEN TAKEN UP A WEEK OR SO EARILIER DURING GAMASY'S VISIT. ALTHOUGH GAMASY HAD SOUGHT SPARE PARTS FOR MIG 21'S, YUGOSLAVS EXPLAINED THEY ARE UNABLE TO SELL SUCH PARTS AT PRESENT TIME. THEY ARE BEING PRODUCED IN YUGOSLAVIA "UNDER LISCENSE" (FROM SOVIETS). THIS EXPLANATION WAS APPARENTLY ACCEPTED WITHOUT DEBATE. YUGOSLAVS DID OFFER TO BE HELPFUL IN PROVIDING OTHER MILITARY EQUIPMENT (PAPIC
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WAS CHARY ON DETAILS) AHD HAD GIVEN EGYPTIANS A LIST OF

WHAT WILL BE AVAILABLE. EGYPTIANS ARE STILL STUDYING
LIST. PAPIC DOES NOT FORSEE YUGOLAVIA BECOMING
A MAJOR ARMS SUPPLIER FOR EGYPT.

3. WHILE TANGIBLE RESULTS OF SADAT AND GAMASY VISITS
WERE MODEST, PAPIC BELIEVES BOTH MEN WERE SATISFIED
WITH RECEPTION THEY RECEIVED AND WITH
GENERAL YUGOSLAV POSTURE TOWARD EGYPT.
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